



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

## *West Monroe, LA*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of West Monroe was selected to receive an assessment grant. The city contains about 100 brownfields that are known to be or are potentially contaminated with petroleum. West Monroe's population of 13,250 has a poverty rate of about 22 percent and a per capita income of only \$16,803. The city is focusing this grant on several distressed areas. Pockets of the city, such as census tract 56, which is a potential target area for this grant, have substantially higher poverty rates. Assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of brownfields will promote economic growth and improve job opportunities for city residents. The City will encourage citizen participation in the assessment and redevelopment process through neighborhood meetings and other regular communications methods.



### Assessment Grant

New  
2003

*\$200,000 for petroleum*

EPA has selected the City of West Monroe for a brownfields assessment grant. The grant will be used to conduct assessment activities at its 16 highest priority petroleum-contaminated brownfields. Grant funds will also be used to ensure community input in neighborhoods impacted by targeted sites and to revise the city's inventory of petroleum-contaminated brownfields sites by adding additional criteria, such as sensitive population data.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

EPA Region 6 Brownfields Team

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<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/bfpages/sfbfhome.htm>

Grant Recipient: City of West Monroe, LA

318-323-5700

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of West Monroe has received brownfields funding for assessment grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.